

CAMPUS SCENE

MUSIC RECITAL HALL

Campus Concert Series featuring Luiba Sorochkina on piano, Sept. 25 at 10a.m.

THEATER ARTS BUILDING

"You Are A Good Man Charlie Brown" showing in the Horse Shoe Theater, Sept. 25 - Sept. 27 and Oct. 2 - Oct. 4, at 8p.m. Admission is \$5 for students \$9 for non-students.

CAFETERIA CONFERENCE ROOM

Historian Malcollm Sears, resident in Van Nuys in 1918, will recite "Valley Historic Landmarks" at the Valley Historical Museum Association meeting on Oct. 8 at 3p.m.

MONARCH STADIUM

Valley's first home game against Bakersfield, Oct. 4 at 7p.m.

MONARCH SQUARE

Valley College Transfer Center is sponsoring two college fairs. Daytime Fair - Oct. 1, 10a.m. - 1p.m. First Annual Evening Mini-College Fair - Nov. 17, 5p.m. - 7p.m. Over 50 reps from four-year universities and colleges statewide will be attending.

University resp will be on campus on the followin dates to meet with students individually.

CSUN: Sept. 30 and Oct. 28, 10a.m. - 12:30p.m. for drop-in

Oct. 6, 10a.m. - 1p.m. and Oct. 20, 4p.m. - 7p.m. by appointment.

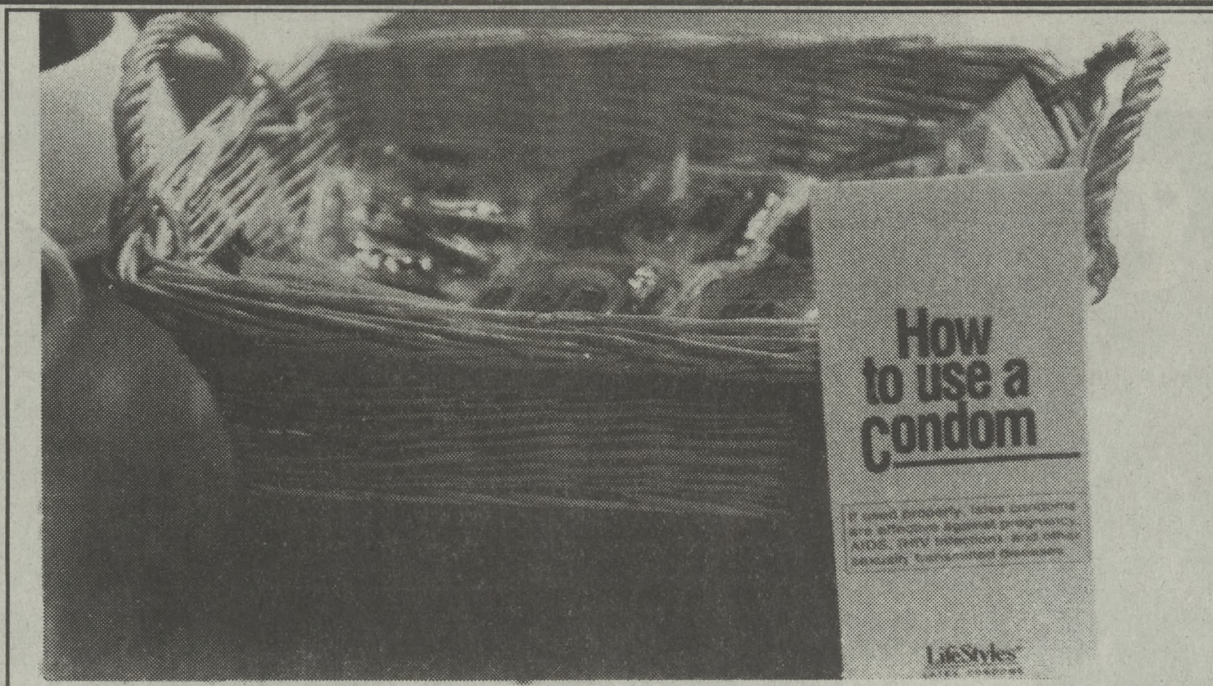
UCLA: Oct. 14, 9a.m.-12 and Oct. 28, 9a.m. - 12, appointments from 2p.m. - 3p.m.

Oct. 14, Admissions Workshop 1p.m. - 3p.m. in the Fireside Room.

POLICE WATCH

Three related incidents were reported Sept. 16, police said. A male student allegedly sexually assaulted a female student near the Business/Journalism building. A quarter-hour later the same man was involved in a disturbance in the arcade near the Chemistry building. The suspect received an immediate and indefinite suspension from school.

On Sept. 16 between the hours of six and eight, a black Mercury was reported stolen on campus.



Kathy Lustig/Valley Star

CONDOMS OR ASPIRIN? Valley College Health Clinic provides students a variety of service paid for by a \$7 fee. The Health Clinic is located in the Womens Gym.

Health Fee Funds Campus Clinic

By STEVE BELAND
STAR REPORTER

Valley College students pay a mandatory \$7 health fee at the beginning of each semester.

This fee funds the Health Services Center, which is located on the north side of the women's gymnasium. Upon payment of the fee, students may use the center. Most services are provided free of charge, except for laboratory work and medications.

The center is staffed by a registered nurse, a registered nurse practitioner, a nurse's assistant and a certified medical assistant. Students are seen on a first-come, first-served basis and should present a student identification card or registration fee receipt when requesting services.

General health services include emergency/first aid treatment and non-emergency care of mild infections and injuries. Other services offered include: physical examinations, pregnancy testing, blood pressure testing, depression screening, vision screening, pre-employment

The center is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is closed weekends, holidays and during semester breaks. The direct telephone number is (818) 780-0652.

physical examinations, breast examinations, blood sugar testing and anonymous HIV testing.

Health care counseling services include: women's health and reproduction, family planning, prevention of sexually-transmitted diseases and health maintenance. Health education literature and videos are available. The center also provides free condoms.

Students may be referred to outside specialists and agencies for such conditions as substance abuse, smoking cessation and nutrition problems. Students should be aware that these agen-

cies may charge additional fees.

Monthly seminars are also offered at the center. Free HIV tests will be offered at the next seminar on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Mental health counseling is available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 345-2747.

Valley College Sets Pace

By Angela Lussier
STAR REPORTER

The Program for Accelerated College Education began its first semester at Valley College. In PACE, students can acquire an associate's degree in Liberal Arts & Science by attending two classes given the in same night, once a week, plus two Saturdays a month for four semesters.

The majority of classes are taught over nine weeks instead of 18 so by the end of the semester the successful PACE student will have finished four classes in the time it would take to finish two in the traditional college system. It has been a Godsend to many working adults who attended the program at Mission, Pierce and City Colleges.

Linda Roberts teaches Math 115, a stepping-stone class to the PACE program. Hers, like other pre-PACE classes (known as PACE/BRIDGE) prepare students who need refresher courses for the PACE curriculum which includes Statistics, a requirement for graduation. Roberts said the students are very motivated - they are not just concerned with passing the tests and getting their grades, they really are concerned with learning the subject matter.

That seems to be the case across the board. The older students, who have been in the workforce, seem to be more dedicated than the younger ones. In this program dedication is a necessity as a full semester of subject matter is packed into only nine weeks. This is not a program for the faint of heart.

Manuel Castro chose PACE because the classes offered are transferable to a computer animation college that he is interested in. The same classes here at Valley cost much less than if he took them there and he can get them out of the way more quickly.

"The important thing is not to fall behind, I know some students that are thinking of dropping now because they couldn't keep up," said Castro.

One of the classes Castro is taking is English 101, taught by Beth Martin-Brown. Martin-Brown said that the course study isn't abbreviated despite the shorter class length. For example, her class requires 15 different essays.

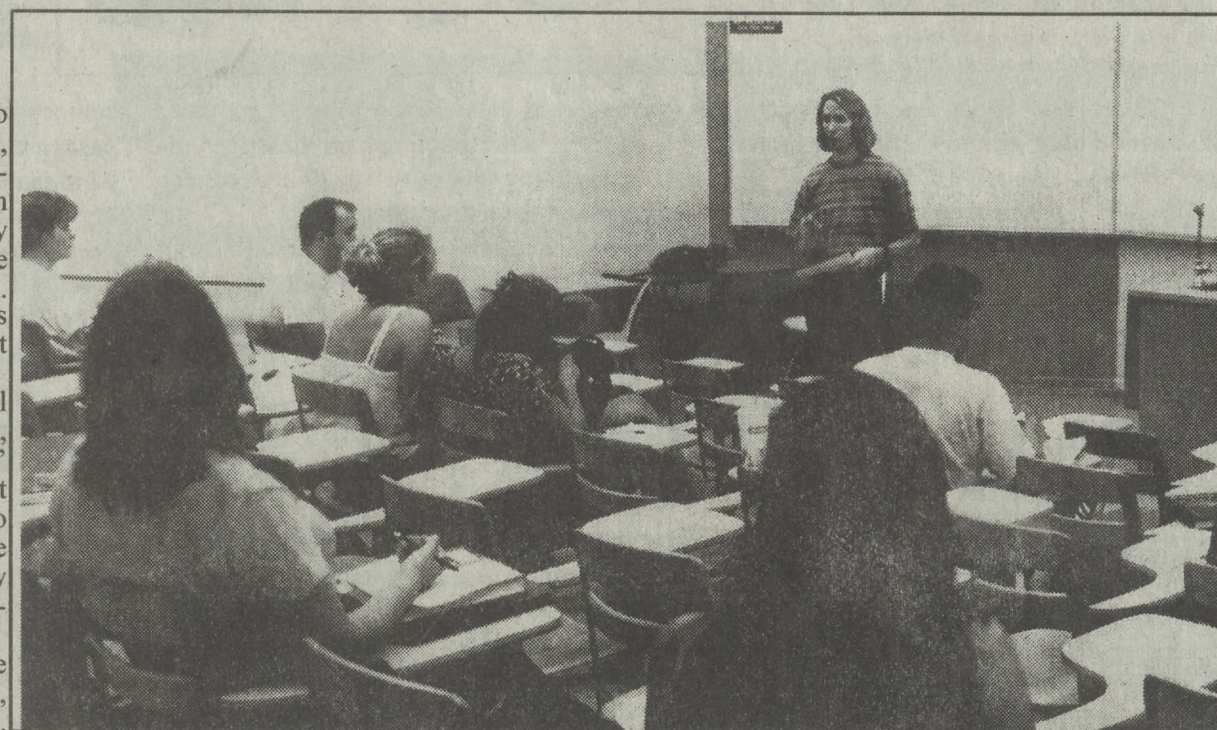
She also said, "Personal responsibility is important, I can't hold the students' hands." She added that her responsibility is to give these students the tools and validation they need to successfully complete the entire program.

Martin-Brown, like many PACE professors, utilizes guest speakers. On the day we spoke, Jim Strammel, Pace Program Instructor reviews syllabus with the class

Cecile Alch, a television writer with credits from "A1F" to "Cheers," addressed a very attentive class. The professors try to coordinate due dates in order to give the students time to focus on more demanding assignments, although one of the students I spoke with felt that they could do a little better. The class following English 101 is Philosophy 21 "Aesthetics," taught by Jim Strammel. He and Martin-Brown often discuss that very matter. They obviously have the students' best interest in mind but with so much work to be done in such a short time it's hard.

Strammel taught at Mission before coming to Valley. He will be teaching Ethics next semester and Logic next year.

"I enjoy these students for what they bring to the classroom and for their appreciation for education. Anybody who's making the effort to do the PACE program when they have a job, family, and kids on top of it values education more, and they tend to be better students," Strammel said. "Everything is in place, people know the answers to questions, and things



Luis O. Vazquez/Valley Star

are available."

He did however, comment on the fact that during the Saturday conferences, everything is closed, he has little access to help with audio/video equipment and has to do everything himself. This would not be such a problem but with the short amount of time he and the others have to teach the required course study, it doesn't leave much room for running to and from equipment supply rooms, setting up and then having to break it down.

The person responsible for coordinating the program is Sandy Mayo, Director of College Outreach, but she said she serves mostly as "chief cook and bottle washer."

All those I spoke with had very positive things to say about Ms. Mayo. Running a program like this has traditionally taken at least two people and she has things running smooth in spite of the fact this program is new to Valley. Granted, she taught in the PACE program at Mission College and was able to learn from their mistakes (they've been offering the program for ten years). She also coordinated

the weekend college program last spring which is not being offered this semester due to budget cuts.

Mayo feels that the PACE program is worthwhile since it used to be that a working adult would have to spend up to ten years to get a degree, especially if they had children. Surprisingly, it was the labor unions who introduced the idea of an accelerated educational program for working adults.

All in all, the response from both students and professors is overwhelmingly positive. One big reason for this seems to be the amount of stimulating discussions and dialogue that go on in the classroom because almost everybody involved has something informative or even inspiring to contribute.

Valley College Budget Cut by \$3.4 Million

■ **Money:** Supplemental funds sought by Valley's Task Force.

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

Despite the one week delay in the finalization of the 1997-98 fiscal budget the outcome remained the same. Valley College will have to reduce its expenditures by \$3.4 million.

The budget reduction was discussed openly in a Townhall meeting held on Sept. 17. Students, faculty, and community members questioned Valley College President Tyree Wieder about the future of the college.

The allocated budget from the Los Angeles Community College District is inadequate to fund Valley College, because of this Wieder said she has put together a task force, which includes faculty and administration members, to find ways of generating more funds.

Wieder said, "We have an operational plan. It is put together so there won't be cuts...we need a number of students to generate funds but the funds are being cut which cuts the number of students enrolled. Revenue for next year is based on the number of students enrolled this year. It's a real tricky situation."

Student enrollment is up yet many classes were canceled. Wieder added that this is due to the number of students who either enroll late or drop out midway through the semester.

Art professor Eugenia Sumnik Dekovich said, "For classes that were cut because of enrollment it is just as much the students' responsibility. If you are serious about a class enroll early enough to guarantee it. Then, don't drop the class."

The plan is to get funding based on academics rather than enrollment, Wieder said.

"Valley College is earmarked for growth, not for a deficit," Wieder said. "What is the definition of growth? The District Office ordered us to reduce the budget not cut classes."

Student Deborah Greenspan then offered a possible solution. "Maybe you could balance the number of day and evening classes, and open the Business Office during the evenings to address the concerns of the evening students," Greenspan said.

Wieder explained, Valley has to reduce the expenditures where they can be reduced. No cuts, just reduction across the board.

There were 102 classes cut from the fall schedule. The Library hours were reduced. Student worker hours were reduced affecting all of the labs. There will be more classes cut from the spring schedule. The summer session has been reduced to one session beginning in July.

Wieder said, "The bottom line is that Valley has the facility but not the resources. We are not going to be able to service all the students who come to us. Even if people enroll early we may not be able to accommodate them."

Faculty member Marty Hittleman offered a solution.

"We have to restructure the educational programs in order to maximize funding. Hopefully we can make cuts in services that don't affect the students," Hittleman said. "The level of the prob-

The Truth Hurts: Are You Cool?

By DEEANNE MCCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

Why is cool so important to our society?

For centuries, our civilization has revolved around popularity. In our history, it has been cool to stone the unpopular, burn women suspected of being witches, drink gin out of bathtubs and improve your digestion by smoking Camels.

Now, it can be cool to drive a fancy car, be into kick boxing and fitness, roll one of your pant legs up to your knee and wear nostalgic clothing. Our whole civilization is wrapped up in being cool.

Just look at our advertising. Television tries to sell us clothes with hip music blaring in the background and scantily clad models challenging us to run with the pack.

Some magazines are dedicated to bringing us the newest, coolest fashions. Why do we succumb so readily to peer pressure and the desire to be liked and accepted by others?

Being cool is really a relative thing. It seems to depend on who one hangs with and on one's priorities. For some, being cool is the priority and more time is



Valley College student, Kais Haddad, 19
Marla Halac/Valley Star

spent getting dressed for class than studying for it.

How about those people who cannot afford to buy new cars or expensive clothes, and yet, they do?

Having credit can be a dangerous thing for someone who is on

a mission to look cool.

Bally's total fitness commercials make it look very cool to be fit. Some women actually strut around town in their workout clothing.

Cool is obviously important on the Internet. If one types the

word cool into the Lycos search engine, one will find that there are over 45,000 documents on the World Wide Web which contain that word. It is interesting to compare this figure with the numbers of documents that con-

COOL	45,170
LOVE	36,668
MONEY	30,643
TELEVISION	26,310
POLITICS	25,802
RELIGION	18,878
SEX	17,504

tain other words.

It is surprising to find where our priorities seem to be. Anything that gets talked about more than money must be considered important. In browsing the cool documents, you can actually take an on-line Cool 101 class.

In our society, being cool seems to be impressing one's friends with fitness, hair, clothes, cigarettes and even drugs. It is amazing what people will do in the name of being cool.

Wouldn't it be nice if cool was being one's self and having a sense of self worth?

What if humanity, morals, integrity, kindness, love and generosity were cool? Wouldn't that

Is It Important to Be Cool?



Luis O. Vasquez/Valley Star

"I'd say it's important to be cool with everyone you encounter because you need to know about other people's cultures. Cool is just being positive and having a down to earth vibe."

Carlos Riley



Deeanne McClain/Valley Star

"It's personality that makes you cool. If you don't want to talk to people because you think you're too cool, then you're not cool. When someone is outgoing and friendly, that's cool."

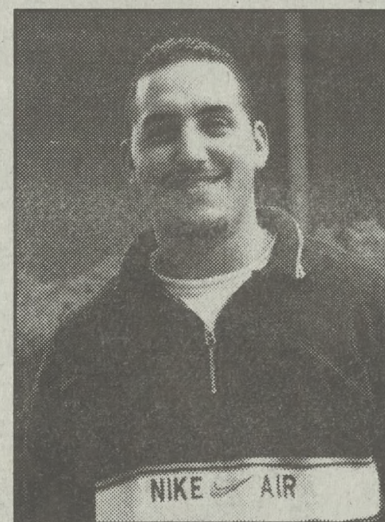
Lorena Plazola



Deeanne McClain/Valley Star

"Cool is different to everybody. For me, cool is if you are comfortable with yourself. Not having to dress up and impress everybody is cool. See, we come to school to learn, not to be cool. We have the clubs for that."

Martha Rodriguez



Deeanne McClain/Valley Star

"Cool is not important, you just have to be yourself. If you're yourself, you're cool."

Ibrahim Abusway

Who Asked U: About Police Brutality?

By LEO SMITH
STAR REPORTER

It may be time for the New York Police Department to re-examine its procedures for cavity searches.

Confused? Here's the abridged version:

Imagine you are arrested at your favorite club merely for being caught in a fight which you were trying to break up. You're booked, jailed and escorted to a bathroom.

Then, without even the courtesy of a reach-around, something very unpleasant happens to you in a place where even a proctologist doesn't belong.

Now if you think the offending party wielding that wooden enema was an effeminate inmate named Bubba Bob, you gotta watch more television.

In fact, these colonic colonizers were no less than New York's finest, those boys in blue whose duty it is to "serve and protect," not "shove and forget."

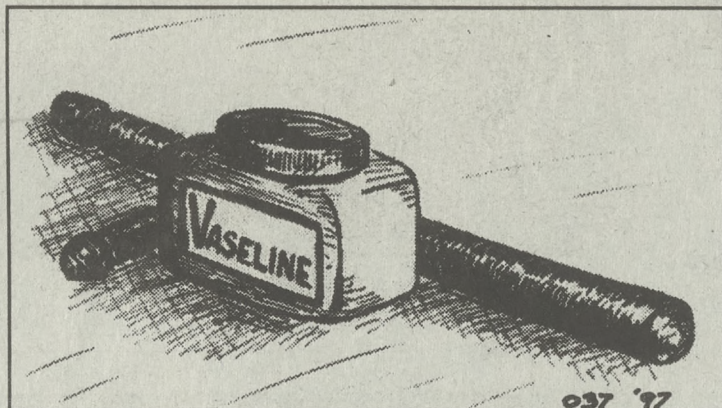
Of course, this is America and the defendants are innocent until proven guilty, but let's assume for the moment that those under suspicion truly are the Reaming Rangers.

Their egregious behavior is so reprehensi-

ble, but should in no way reflect on their profession as a whole.

To even contemplate this type of torture requires a special kind of psychopath, not a police officer and, perhaps, not even a human.

A police officer is a consummate professional, one who is, theoretically, oblivious to race and creed, whose only concern lies in



curbing and punishing criminal activities. That is a description which describes the overwhelming majority of police officers throughout the United States.

Still, for reasons either congenital or societal, there exist some individuals in our nation's police departments who maintain a veneer of professionalism over a rancid soul.

These idiots alone are accountable for their actions, not some grand conspiracy indulged in by all levels of government.

It is nothing short of bigotry to assume that ALL police officers harbor these masochistic tendencies.

Idiot's that spout this inane rationalization are using the same logic that leads to prejudicial stereotypes that categorize Latinos as lazy, Blacks as gang-bangers and Whites as Nazis. Morons, I know thee.

Now, just in case anyone has gotten the impression that I in anyway condone what happened to Abner Louima, you're partly right.

Whoever did this to Louima needs to be harshly punished. However, Louima is a greedy S.O.B. who has insisted on suing the City of New York, not his attackers, for upwards of \$400 million.

Although it's not unusual to seek compensation for such... discomfort, Louima has regrettably shown that he isn't as interested in punishing his violators as he is in using his unenviable situation to sue whoever has deeper pockets.

Still, if I were in his position... hell, we all know I'm a hypocrite.

Next Week: Proposition 209

Love: Why do we let it rule us?

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

Will anyone who has the instruction booklet for love, please step up. Where does it say that it should rule people's lives?

Love is one of the main things we have to deal with in life. Although it's the most wonderful thing in the world, it's not always an easy and fun experience to go through.

We often ask why is it so hard to find someone special to love. It is necessary for everyone to feel loved. Not only because we have love to give but also

because we want to feel special.

People often look for love in what many call the wrong places. What are the right places then?

Going to clubs, bars and parties is not the answer anymore. These places have bad reputations. The idea of looking out for love is set by the idea of being in love.

We shouldn't look for love, it will come by itself.

Love has such power over everyone that it often guides people's lives.

Some people are so caught up into being in a meaningful relationship that they forget about

what being in love is all about. A lot of people set their lives by what they think will lead them into a meeting with the person of their dreams.

Who can blame anyone for looking for love? There is nothing wrong with the search of happiness. Its only human. Everyone looks for love because it alters all of the senses of the body and mind.

This all sounds very stimulating. But what happens with the downside of having a relationship? What happens when things are not going so well in a relationship?

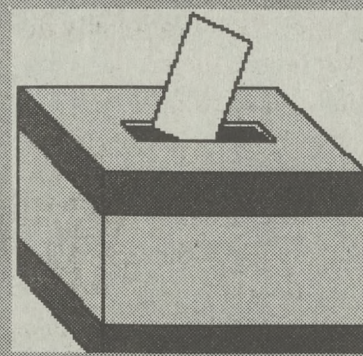
Giving total attention to the other person affects people's lives.

People might not notice it but it does. For example, during midterms, the break up of a relationship can destroy a student's life. The student has given so much attention to the other person that they couldn't focus on other important things in their lives.

People shouldn't let love rule them. Being ruled is not a sign of being happy. People feel they must be the rulers in order for them to feel important. People should rule love instead.

What's Your Opinion?

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Veteran Teacher Bids Farewell



John Barnhart from a 1970 photo.

Scepter

By LINDA E. THOMAS
STAR REPORTER

On a brisk autumn morning in 1965, a young geology professor first stepped foot on the Valley College campus. Little did he know it would be the brink of the 21st century before he would bid his final farewell.

Generations of once wide-eyed freshmen and hundreds of friends poured into Monarch Hall Friday to honor veteran teacher and administrator John Barnhart. After 32 years of service to thousands of students, Barnhart retired Aug. 30.

"I've been through six college presidents, and I'm still here," Barnhart said. "To be at the same college this long, I either did something right or something wrong."

According to dozens of tributes, Barnhart most certainly did something very right.

"I found out that on this campus there actually is a person who does serve the students," cinema arts Chairman Joe Daccorso said. "I met him 20 years ago, and that's John Barnhart."

Barnhart said he thought he would just "go away quietly." Fat chance. Honored with certificates and showered with gifts, it was clear that Barnhart is more than a teacher and co-worker, he's a mentor and mostly — a friend.

"Almost from the get go, we became fast friends," Professor Bob Barlow said. "This campus will hardly be the same without him."

Though several faculty members have known Barnhart for more than 20 years, it was his students that fought back tears at his farewell.

"He is a second father to us, but also a friend," former Associated Student Union President Patricia Tejeda said. "He's inspired us with his knowledge of life and leadership. There will never be another like him."

Student after student testified of the times Barnhart had spo-

ken words of encouragement when they needed it most and the days on end he took to mentor them.

"He was always supportive and always on our side," one student said.

"Mr. B. changed our lives," another added.

It's not hard to spot "Mr. B." making his way across campus with his most interesting administrative accoutrement, an ever-present pipe in his mouth, and a student or two in tow. In his loyal Star Trek lingo, he greets a fellow professor with

"Ka'Plah" while giving the Romulan salute.

Fellow Trekker and chemistry Chairwoman Liz Friedman had more to say about Barnhart than "Ka'Plah," however.

"He's fun and has a great personality," Friedman said. "But as an administrator, he's always tried to keep things working and cut through the BS. He's personal and he cares."

Since the mid '60s, Barnhart has served in several administrative positions and most recently as Associate Dean of Students and ASU advisor. Valley College President Tyree Wieder said she often called Barnhart to "pinch hit" in a crisis and he always came through.

"JB is one of those people who doesn't shout from the rooftop what a great job he's doing," professor Leon Marzillier said. "He just does it."

Barnhart came to California from the oil fields of Texas. With a master's degree from the University of Houston, he consulted on research for such oil companies as Shell and Exxon in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

"I dearly love geology," Barnhart said. "It's a science you can see almost everywhere you go. From the mountains to the ocean, it can always be appreciated."

While working toward his doctorate at USC, he landed a job at Valley College as a science instructor.

"John is always focused on the needs of his students," Professor Richard Holdridge said. "He has always looked for ways in the system to benefit the students. I admire that very much."

Barnhart said it is important to motivate students to pursue college, even if it

may seem tough.

When Barnhart's not on the job in the classroom, he's on the golf course. There's hardly a conversation with him that's void of a good golf story.

"I shoot a fair game," Barnhart modestly said. "I got a lot of guys into golf and their wives never spoke to me again," he added with a laugh. Aside from playing golf, Barnhart has built dozens of golf sets for staff members on campus.

"He's a class act," golf buddy Carl Dorsey said. "He's the reason I'm playing."

- John Barnhart,
Associate Dean, Student Services

Barnhart said he plans to get in quite a few golf games with his wife, Carolyn, in Reno, NV. where they have purchased a home and plan to move within the year.

He also plans to "do a little geology" there, and maybe even teach a class, he said.

"Teaching has always been one of my favorite things to do," Barnhart said about his career at Valley College. "I especially enjoyed the personal contact with the students, and the tremendous number of friends I've made — that's the best part."

This campus sage and long, tall Texan with a great sense of humor has been known by different names over the years.

But, whether students and colleagues call him "JB," "John," "Mr. B.," "Barnhart" or "Tex," a great number of people also call him friend.



John Barnhart greets former Valley College student and LAPD Officer Don Graham.

Marcy Petrigue/Valley Star

EOPS: STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES ...IF YOU QUALIFY!

By CARMEN PINTO
Star Reporter

Valley College's Extended Opportunities, Programs and Services is a program the California Legislature created in 1969 to increase the access and success of both low-income and educationally disadvantaged students, according to EOPS Director Doris Richardson.

"When the program began, the majority of students at that time who were underrepresented just happened to be Latinos and Blacks who were low-income and disadvantaged," said Richardson. Today, the program helps all nationalities, as long as the student meets all the necessary requirements.

To be eligible for EOPS, students must meet five requirements. The students must be educationally disadvantaged,

have a low income and qualify for a free waiver (available at the financial aid office), be a full-time student enrolled in 12 units or more, have fewer than 70 degree-applicable units and be a California resident.

There is an application process to complete and stu-

In addition, EOPS offers valuable free services to its students, such as professional academic counseling, tutoring, book grants and study skills instruction, just to name a few.

While Richardson has been with Valley College 18 years, this is her second year serving as EOPS director. Richardson adds that positive changes are in store for the program; for example, financial aid electronic fil-

ing.

A goal for Richardson is to actively continue the recruitment process and follow the state requirements by having the students in EOPS reflect the makeup of the community.

"EOPS: Committed to Your Success" is EOPS' and Richardson's motto. Why not stop by Campus Center 116, check it out, and see how they can serve you?



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Editorial: Don't Believe Their Hype

The media and the public have come to a crossroads. With the death of Princess Diana, we have undeniably seen the impact the press can have on the world.

There are many who feel helpless about the loss of Princess Diana. The events surrounding her death make people want to join forces and react, but no one is quite sure about what to do.

Obviously, some feel the need to focus their anger on who they feel is responsible. Nevertheless, it should be noted that the cause of the accident is still under investigation and may never be known.

People are angry at the media because a few of its unsavory members may have had a hand in creating this terrible tragedy.

However, no one should jump to the conclusion that all members of the press are evil scavengers driven by greed.

Where would we be without the press? The First Amendment (which guarantees the freedom of speech and freedom of the press) is the most formidable weapon against injustice and oppression in the world today.

The press brought Watergate, apartheid, the plight of Romanian orphans and the recall of many dangerous products to the attention of the American people.

The media in general, and print media in particular, has been the most effective self-policing entity within our political system. In fact, the paparazzi pursuit of Diana's Mercedes in that now-infamous Paris tunnel was itself reported by the media.

The original intent of the press was to be a watchdog. It still serves that purpose. Unfortunately, a few bad apples have twisted this idealistic intent into something resembling a rabid

bloodhound.

Should the media and the press be dragged through the mud because people feel helpless to do anything else? Should Valley College's journalism students be treated as pariahs because they have chosen to enter a profession which has a few renegade members?

We believe the answer to both questions is a resounding "NO."

The Valley Star is a college newspaper that provides fair and accurate coverage of campus life. It is also a learning experience for students entering the journalism profession.

We accept full responsibility for the accuracy and fairness of any story and we welcome constructive criticism of our newspaper.

We have followed and will continue to follow a strict code of ethics. We have not been paid and we will not be paid for our work. The only com-

pensation we receive for our efforts is a grade at the end of the semester.

We have not purchased photographs or stories from anyone nor will we do so in the future. We will not invade anyone's privacy in pursuit of a story or a photograph. This is what separates us from the paparazzi.

We treat our fellow students, faculty members and administration personnel with respect and we do not believe it is unreasonable to expect the same in return.

Think about it. If Diana's crash was caused by faulty automobile engineering, would we all stop driving cars? No. We would look carefully at the integrity of the cars we buy and we wouldn't buy those that are unsafe.

Like the paparazzi, it's easy to be sleazy. It's also easy to jump to emotional conclusions and scapegoat an entire profession.

CPR: Do You Have The Breath of Life?

REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

The life saving technique, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a basic skill which saves lives. Yet, it is a controversial issue. Life or death is determined within a matter of seconds.

During a survey some Valley students were asked if they would be able to perform CPR. The survey concluded that many students know CPR but they were unsure whether they would perform it if necessary..

Various health risks were the top reasons students do not want to give CPR, according to the survey.

It is no longer a simple issue of

knowing CPR, but finding a person willing to give mouth-to-mouth breathing techniques.

CPR courses are no longer offered at educational facilities. For the most part if a person is interested in learning CPR they must pay for the course. CPR courses are offered at all American Red Cross facilities, and almost all Fire Stations.

Is there a need for CPR? Absolutely. Statistics show that the numbers of accidental drownings, cases of electrical shock and other incidents in which CPR could have saved lives are increasing.

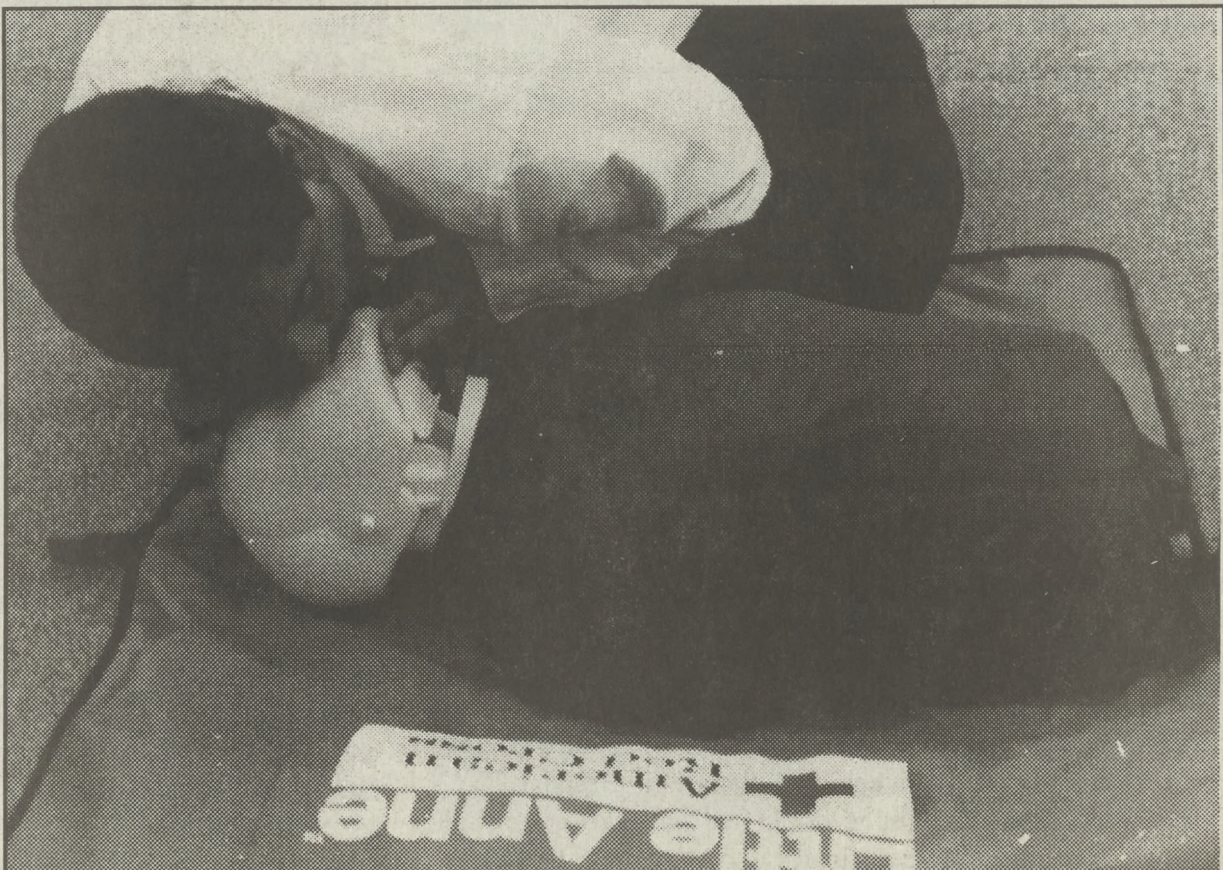
There are many different answers which conclude that precious time was wasted.

Many people have misconceptions about contracting AIDS from administering CPR techniques. Special breathing apparatuses are available to counter this concern.

If a family member or friend is involved, students are less concerned about the health risks when administering CPR.

According to the survey, there are also concerns about the legalities. The thought of being sued for trying to save a life may not seem ethical, however, it is a possibility.

There are no laws which require that you get a person's consent to perform CPR. However, if you are not properly educated you can harm a person.



An American Red Cross instructor demonstrates CPR techniques on Resucce Ann.

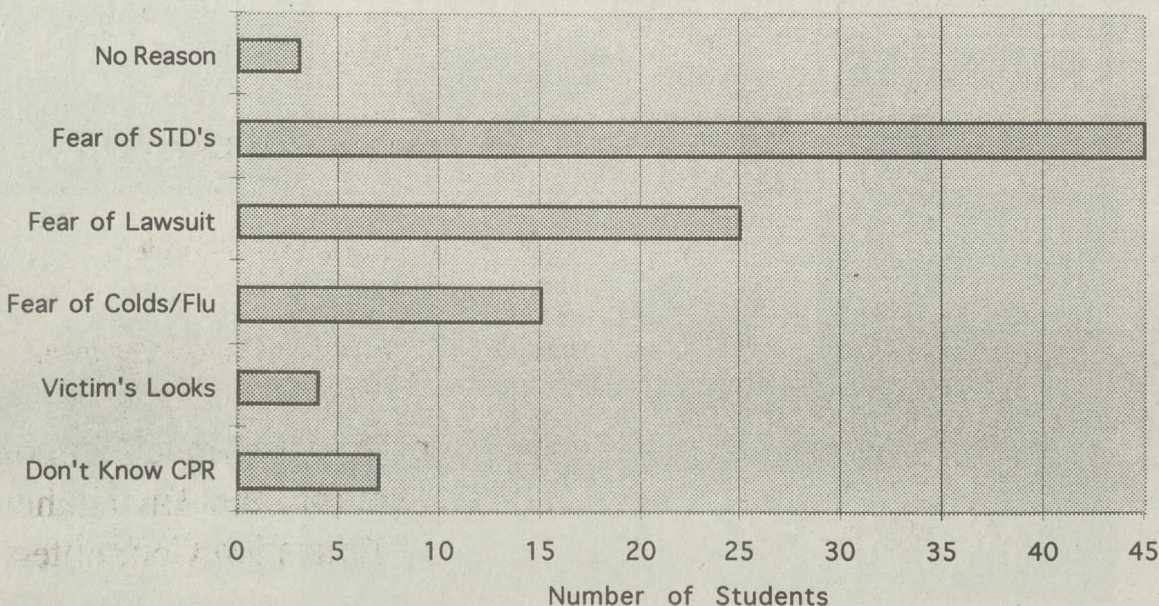
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CPR QUESTIONNAIRE

How Much Do You Really Know About CPR?

- Checking for unresponsiveness means to:
 - call out to them until they answer
 - check their pulse
 - call out to them and check to see if they are breathing.
- If you believe someone is in cardiac arrest you should:
 - panic
 - call 911, then try to revive the person
 - try to revive the person, then call 911
- CPR is:
 - mouth-to-mouth
 - coronary pulse resuscitation
 - cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- CPR is needed when:
 - a person is choking
 - a person is hyperventilating
 - a person is not breathing
- To find someone's pulse you should:
 - feel the heart
 - put the fingertips of your hand on their Adam's apple
 - feel along the wrist until you locate the pulse
- The best position for performing CPR is:
 - to lay the person on their side and support their head
 - to sit the person up
 - to lay the person flat on their back
- The first three steps in CPR are:
 - tilt head, lift chin, check breathing
 - check breathing, check chest, tilt head
 - check breathing, check mouth, tilt head
- If after the first 3 steps in CPR the person is still not breathing, you should:
 - pinch the nose, cover the mouth with yours and give two full breaths
 - cover their mouth with yours and give air until they begin to breath on their own
 - cover their mouth with yours, give two breaths and then apply pressure to their chest
- It is possible for a person to have a pulse but not be breathing, in which case you should:
 - not give CPR
 - follow only the first few steps and make sure they begin to breath on their own
 - give complete CPR techniques
- Complete CPR techniques include:
 - opening the airway, rescue breathing, and chest compressions
 - opening the airway, rescue breathing, and massaging the heart
 - opening the airway, chest compressions and stabilizing victim

What Would Prevent You From Giving CPR?



Loitering in the Halls

By KIM BARNES
STAR REPORTER

It's Tuesday morning and you're sitting in Geography 101 listening to the professor's lecture. You're trying hard to pay attention and absorb all the information the professor is disseminating. Suddenly you hear loud talking and laughter in the hall outside the classroom and your concentration is instantly broken.

If this scenario seems familiar to you, it's because too many times your fellow students (although maybe not intentionally) have forgotten what the word courtesy means. They believe hanging out and conversing in campus hallways is perfectly normal behavior. However, if these students took a moment to think about how distracting their actions are to others, maybe they would move their gab fests outside, out of earshot of classrooms.

These students should consider how hard it is to try to listen to a lecture, take an exam or make a presentation in a classroom when a mini-party is going on just outside the door. In a way, these students are violating the rights of those of us trying very hard to get an education and be good students.

Instead of making classroom life uncomfortable

for their fellow students, perhaps these loiterers could move outside. After all, Valley College is a nice campus and there are plenty of places for students to congregate, talk and have a good time.

The coffeehouse near the bungalows is just one area on campus for students to hang out. In addition, there is the grassy area in front of the administration building, the cafeteria and almost any outdoor area on campus. If all else fails, there is always the parking lot.

Perhaps there should be some rules regarding loitering and disturbing classes in progress, although I'm not really sure what sort of punishment would be appropriate for college-age students.

Another idea that could possibly help cut down on loitering and class disruption would be to place signs (much like the "no smoking" signs) at the entrance to all campus buildings that hold classes. Maybe something like: LEARNING IN PROGRESS, QUIET PLEASE. These signs would serve as a reminder to students that their courtesy and silence while in the hallways is appreciated.

Perhaps the only reminder students really need is this reporter's opinion about what loitering in the halls can do to the learning process.



A Los Angeles County firefighter administers CPR to a woman who was ejected from a van at the intersection of Woodman Avenue and Chase Avenue in Van Nuys.

Zachary Wade/Valley Star

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

By LIZ BARRETT
STAR REPORTER

College students and local residents filed into the Horseshoe Theatre at Valley College to see the Valley Collegiate Players perform in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Those who came to see a humorous musical with lots of energy and laughs were not disappointed.

Christopher Lee Barnes did an outstanding job as the always lonely and frustrated Charlie Brown. Every time he thought he was finally figuring out his life and becoming happy, one of his peers would shoot down his ego again. Barnes performed well during the singing numbers and never failed to make the audience laugh.

The infamous Lucy, played by Elizabeth Taylor, wasn't short on laughs either as she constantly ridiculed Charlie Brown and desperately tried to win the heart of Schroeder, her prince of the piano.

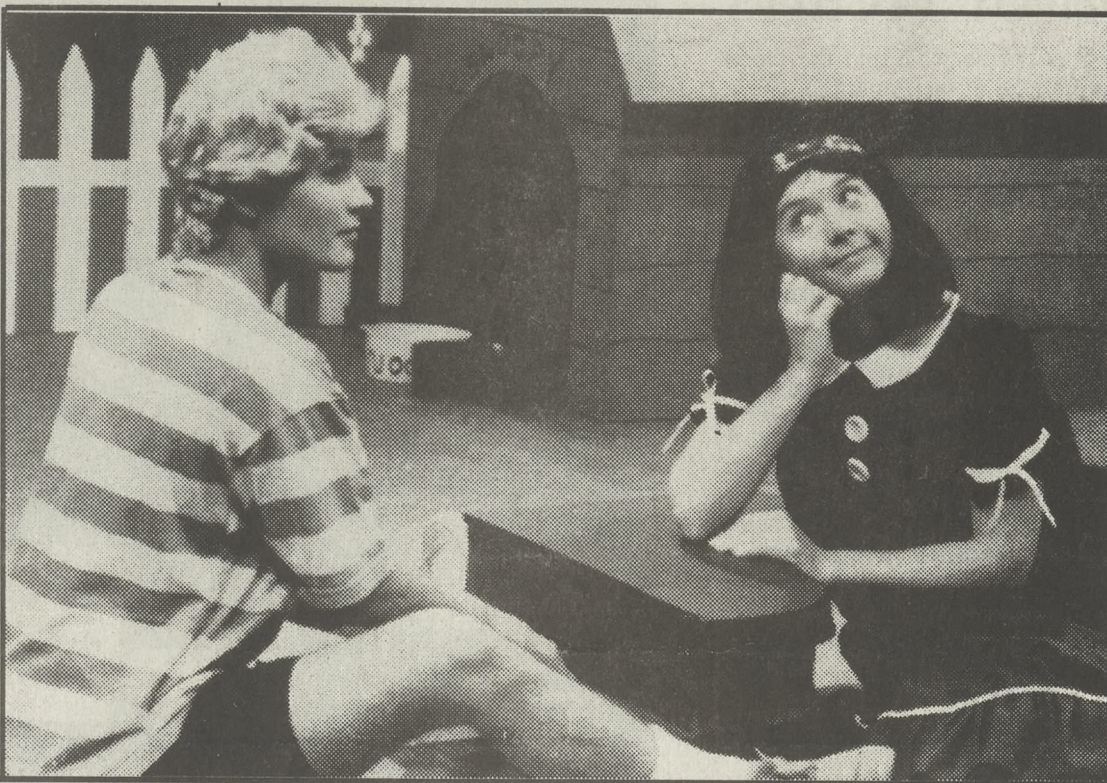
Linus, played by Eric Grindler, must have had a pretty shriveled thumb by the end of the performance because he sucked

it through most of the play. Lucy's younger brother clonged to his security blanket and believed everything his big sister told him, no matter how ridiculous. Although Grindler is tall, seeing him with that blanket and sucking his thumb really brought him down to size.

Francisco Hernandez played Schroeder, the unusually intelligent piano player who is always running from Lucy's grasps. He simply continued to play his music as Lucy talked of being a queen and marrying him.

Sally, played by Lucinda Iblings, didn't have a very prominent role in the play, but roped in the laughs nonetheless. Her ditzzy nature had everyone giggling along with her.

Snoopy, played by Alaa Khaled, stole the show. Just when you thought that a dog couldn't possibly get more laughs than the rest of the cast, he did. One hilarious scene had the audience laughing even after it was over. Snoopy loves attention and he never fails to get it.



Francisco Hernandez and Elizabeth Taylor perform as Schroeder and Lucy in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Kathy Lustig/ Valley Star

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" will also be performed September 25-27 and October 2-4 at 8:00p.m. in the Horseshoe Theatre. Admission is \$5 for students and \$9 for all non-students.

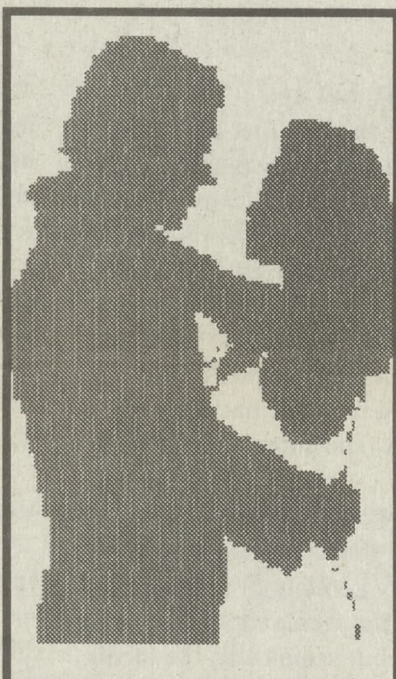
Beyond The Kraziest: After Two Events, Can't Get Enough of Shaking What Their Mamas Gave Them

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

The all-girl party crew, Beyond The Kraziest (BTK), had two events in the San Fernando Valley in the last two weeks, "Can't Get Enough" and "Shake What Your Mama Gave Ya."

"Can't Get Enough," an event which BTK brought out with the help of the all-male party crew, Infinite Productions, took place at a Pacoima residence Sept. 12.

SDS, Brown Sweetness, Insuspense and Mad Circuit were among the party crews in attendance.



The event was a success except for the fact that it was composed mainly of male partygoers.

In order for a party to be good, it should have similar amounts of male and female partygoers.

"There was a lot of guys," said Cookie, Valley College student and co-head of BTK. "Guys go to parties to see girls, and girls go to parties to see guys."

Cookie said the reason for the lack of female partygoers is

that girls are not old enough to go out or, they would rather go to clubs.

Cookie added that another reason why there was a lack of female partygoers was because a different party crew was celebrating their second anniversary.

"We still had two good events," Cookie said. "It wasn't jam-packed but both events were pretty good."

BTK's second event took place in Lake View Terrace Sept. 20. The party which was set to begin after hours, started about 10:00 p.m. It was raided by police two hours later.

Brown Sweetness, Stratisphere, Demonic Empire, Mad Circuit, Insuspense and BAS were among the many party crews at

the the party.

The unbalanced gender ratio was once again the dilemma.

BTK is proud to invite Valley College partygoers to their upcoming events. The crew is planning to have an event, "Burning Down the House," on Friday,

Oct. 3.

They are planning to have an event in celebration of their three-year anniversary.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, call the BTK party line at (818) 513-3796.

Valley College Celebrates Latino Heritage Month



Folklorico dancers celebrate on campus.

Maria Ivey/ Valley Star

By DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

Folklorico dancers, pinatas and a wonderful dish called pozole kicked off the begin-

ning of Latino "We'll have speakers, poetry readings, dramas, and skits. We're very excited!"

The event, sponsored by the

Associated Student Union (ASU), Cultural Affairs and the newly formed Latinos for Higher Education (LHE), went on from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LHE member Amelia Ruiz said the club will be having activities in the Free Speech Area every

Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We'll have speakers, poetry readings, dramas and skits," Ruiz said. "We're very excited!"

Top Ten Paperbacks

Among college students

1. **Chicken Soup for the Soul**, by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger.
2. **The Heart of a Woman**, by Maya Angelou.
3. **Songs In Ordinary Time**, by Mary McGarry Morris.
4. **Undaunted Courage**, by Stephen A. Ambrose.
5. **Don't Sweat The Small Stuff... And It's All Small Stuff**, by Richard Carlson.
6. **Contact**, by Carl Sagan.
7. **Reviving Ophelia**, by Mary Pipher.
8. **She's Come Undone**, by Wally Lamb.
9. **The Color of Water**, by James McBride.
10. **Emotional Intelligence**, by Daniel Coleman.

-Survey done by The Association of American Publishers Inc. and The Higher Education Committee.

Dear Iris and Angie

By IRIS BROWN AND ANGIE LUSSIER
STAR REPORTERS

Dear Iris and Angie,

I have a huge problem. My mom is very ill. I don't have any time to do my homework. What should I do? Should I drop out of school or should I stay in school and find someone to help her?

From Mother's Helper

Dear Mother's Helper,

We're sad to hear about your mother's illness. We pray that she gets better. Please don't drop out. Continue to take care of your mother. Yes, find someone to assist you. If you have to drop classes keep at least one to stay in school.

You can do it,
Iris and Angie

Melissa Gilbert Visits Valley College

By IRIS BROWN
STAR REPORTER

Actress Melissa Gilbert visited Valley College on Sept. 17 to speak to students in Alan Sacks' Broadcasting 26 class about television and aesthetics.

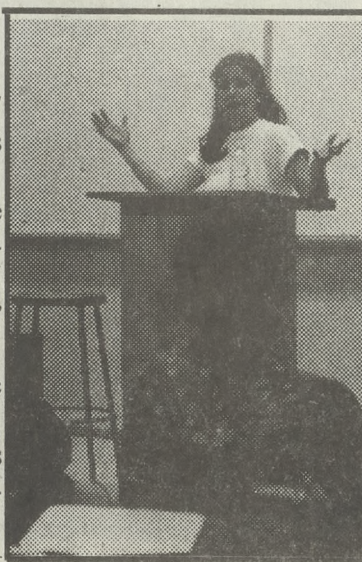
Gilbert talked about the films she has worked in, the importance of preparation, music for films and movie editing.

Sacks worked with Gilbert on "Me and My Hormones," a 1996 ABC after-school special directed by Gilbert.

"It was terrific working with Alan. He was enthusiastic about my ideas," Gilbert said.

Gilbert, well known for her performance as Laura Ingalls in the hit NBC series "Little House on the Prairie," co-starred with the late Michael Landon.

Gilbert also co-starred with Cicely Tyson in "Sweet Justice," a 1994 NBC series.



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Diana, Queen of Hearts

By DEEANNE MCCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

In 1981 a school teacher made good and became a princess.

The whole world watched as Diana married Prince Charles and seemed to have captured what all little girls dream of, the happily-ever-after life of Cinderella.

Di seemed to lead a wonderful, exciting life, until we found out that she was also a victim of circumstance.

Diana herself was quoted as saying, "At the age of 19, you always think you're prepared for everything and you think you have the knowledge of what's coming ahead."

She was not prepared for everything, as we later found out when Diana spoke publicly about suffering from bulimia. She did not seem prepared to find out that her husband loved another woman, or face the public circus he would himself create. The fiasco of her eventual divorce took over the tabloids for months.

Some say that Diana knew what she was getting herself into and should have accepted the

stress of her role and the inconvenience of the Paparazzi.

It doesn't seem likely that any nineteen-year-old princess could foretell the intensity of her life to come, or expect the challenges of having to fight for her own identity. How could she know her only private life would turn into a series of stolen moments?

She became an icon for strength and goodwill. She became the definition of class. She brought to the Royal Family a good name. Diana showed that one in high station could do more than just talk about compassion. She reached out and showed us all that we could make a difference.

Tens of millions watched and grieved with her sons as they walked behind her. In her death, Diana has taught us that duty can also mean serving the people.

Diana said, "Every strong woman in history has had to walk down a similar path, and I think that it's the strength that causes the confusion and the fear. Why is she strong, where did she get it, where is she taking it, why is the public still supporting her?"

Many did fear her strength, but the public did still support her. Princess Diana was the queen of the people and her impact on this world will not soon be forgotten.



A tear drop arrangement was left at the British Consulate as a token for the fallen princess.

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MOTHER TERESA'S BOUNDLESS LOVE

Mother Teresa is gone but she will not be forgotten.

By Carmen Pinto
STAR REPORTER

Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa died Sept. 5 at the age of 87.

Virtually nobody else in the world has done so much for so many. Mother Teresa gave, gave again, and gave some more while never asking for anything in return.

In 1928, Mother Teresa went to Calcutta, India to teach at an all-girl convent school. She was so moved by the presence of the sick and dying on the city's streets, she decided to stay.

She chose to live a life of poverty. The individuals she helped and cared for were either hungry, homeless, crippled, blind, lepers, drug addicts or AIDS victims. Mother Teresa sought and founded a home to give these people an opportunity to die in an environment of kindness and love.

Mother Teresa has been noted for many things, but mostly for her work with the Missionaries of Charity, an organization she founded in 1950. This organization's specific goal is to help those who are suffering and in pain.

Currently, the Missionaries of Charity count on 4,000 sisters, 1,000 brothers and 559 missionaries in over 120 countries.

It is estimated that the missionaries feed more than 500,000 people per year and help approximately 90,000 lepers and other victims.

In memory of Saint Therese of Lisieux, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu changed her name to Teresa. She was born in Skopje, Yugoslavia (now Macedonia), on August 26, 1910.

Mother Teresa's memory will certainly live on through the missionaries. Sister Nirmala, 62, has assumed Mother Teresa's duties and will continue the work that she began.

Ameera Muhammad -

"I think her death is getting too much coverage. I understand she did a lot of good deeds. She has not influenced me in any way. I respect that she was royal and because of that she is getting a lot of coverage. I went out to buy the Sunday Times and there was an extra Times just for her. I'm not sure about the particulars, but a young black male who was killed, the police thought that he was somebody else. They

found out he wasn't and they tried to cover up his death. That didn't get any coverage at all. I understand that she died tragically, but it was an accident. She didn't die by someone else killing her, it was just a tragic accident. It has been entirely too much coverage. What about Mother Theresa? She did just as much if not more, but she's not getting the same amount of coverage. In the end, Princess Diana was just a human being."

Jim Hoban -

"I feel the media should stay out of it. It's just her family that should be at the funeral. They advertised her life, and now they are advertising her death. The media showed her as a saint. People believe in all the things that she did."

Jose Miranda -

"I think the media should stop. We all know she helped people with AIDS, poor people, etc. We don't have to deal with her personal life. I doubt we would want a camera in our private life. The media should drop the subject."

Vern Durr -

"The media coverage was cool up until she got buried, then after that it's like don't string it out any more. Let her family do what they have got to do. Because of who she is, the way she died is affecting the amount of coverage she is getting."

Mike Forbes -

"I think at first the media coverage of her death was very justified. It kills way too many people a year. This time the accident claimed a victim. Whether this will cause us to reform or lower the DUI blood alcohol levels, her death will bring the issue back into the light. The current media cov-

erage focuses on the things she has done, like the children she has helped, the AIDS victims and land mine victims. By focusing on the funeral and Elton John's song, they are missing the real issue. The issue that caused her death is the DUI which is the root of the whole thing."

George Verano -

"I think the media is doing a pretty good job. I know Jim said the media should stay out of it but technically, the media is doing their job. News is news. If a person is going to be put on a pedestal like that, we should be able to find out what

the story is being their fame.

From what I've seen from media coverage, she was a very respected woman. Because of who she was, I think there is more to her death than what the news is reporting. It's something political. It's sad the way she died, but the media was doing their job."

Rashad Rhyne -

"I think it's really bad. In order to get this much coverage and she's dead, it really sucks. The press should finally leave her alone and let her be at peace."

Wendy Gonzales -

"I feel that it got too blown out of proportion and compared to Mother Theresa, it's like she didn't get as much coverage."

Angie Gonzalez -

"Princess Diana. The media coverage is good. Sometimes coverage can be a little too much, but most of the time it's okay. The news coverage mostly has been about her with her children, the people that she helped and the millions of people that will miss her. It's sad that she is gone, people really liked her a lot. It's sad to know she will never be around."



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Mourners leave flowers and condolences as a way of saying goodbye to Diana, at the British Consulate

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Stop The Press: Paparazzi or Media?

A life is lost regardless of who is to

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

Princess Diana had the "stuff" icons are made of: beauty, class, position and power. She captured the imagination of many, yet she was humble and above all, unselfish. She used her status to help the poor, the sick and the downtrodden victims of society. She had a wedding which gave her status, a funeral which made her a legend and two sons to carry on her legacy.

Although some were intrigued by the mystery and potential scandal of her life, the majority loved what she stood for. She was the ambassador to human frailties. She made it okay to hurt for others, a common emotion we have all tucked away. She acted to make a change.

"Let us use the knowledge I gathered to help others in distress," Diana said.

Why has the public's response to her death been so overwhelming?

Princess Diana represented the life that fairy tales are made of. At an early age girls dream of growing up and marrying a prince. Lady Diana married a prince. From that moment on people saw her as royalty and

not a person.

In the beginning she was a simple kindergarten teacher and in her heart that is what she remained. In the eyes of those watching, following and scrutinizing her, Princess Diana represented many different things. She was the voice for so many unfortunate individuals. People are reacting to the death of an image, not to the death of a person. If she was truly understood, the reaction would be just as overwhelming, but in a different way.

The one thing Princess Diana wanted people to understand was life is a precious opportunity we are all given in which we must make ourselves a part of one another. That is what she did. Diana believed our first and foremost concern should be the welfare and existence of humanity. She tried to do her part in a society caught up in glitz, glamour, and scandal.

Why was every moment of her life so significant that she wasn't even allowed to go to the royal loo in peace?

There exists hoards of people who live their life by measuring the flaws of other people.

They are unhappy, and unfilled because they have no purpose. They are too busy disguising their true identity, mastering deceit, and hiding behind

motives which prove to be fatal.

Princess Diana turned her back on status. She disliked the fact that her title separated her from true human emotions. She was not allowed to express her hopes, desires or fears. She believed that no matter what we appear to be on the outside, it's what's inside of us that really counts. She refused to hide behind her crown.

"I am not a politician, I am a humanitarian," said Diana in one of her last interviews.

Hiding behind political offices, civil jobs and many other facades, exists a shell of a person, with no true purpose. The differences which exist between individual should cause us to further want to understand one another. Instead, man's fascination with the unknown overshadows his ability to understand the part of himself which connects each one of us.

According to Mark Twain, it is man's conscience which controls his actions. Conscience—that independent sovereign, that insolent absolute monarch inside of a man who is the man's master. There are all kinds of consciences, because there are all kind of man.

Our conscience is controlled by an inner strength which stops us from going to far. Does the paparazzi have a conscience?

The revelation that man is his own worst enemy comes from evidence such as senseless murders and tragic accidents all in the name of money and power.

The media coverage of Diana's death proves that the society in which we live lacks purpose. Her true causes have been lost in the mumbo-jumbo of good press versus bad press.

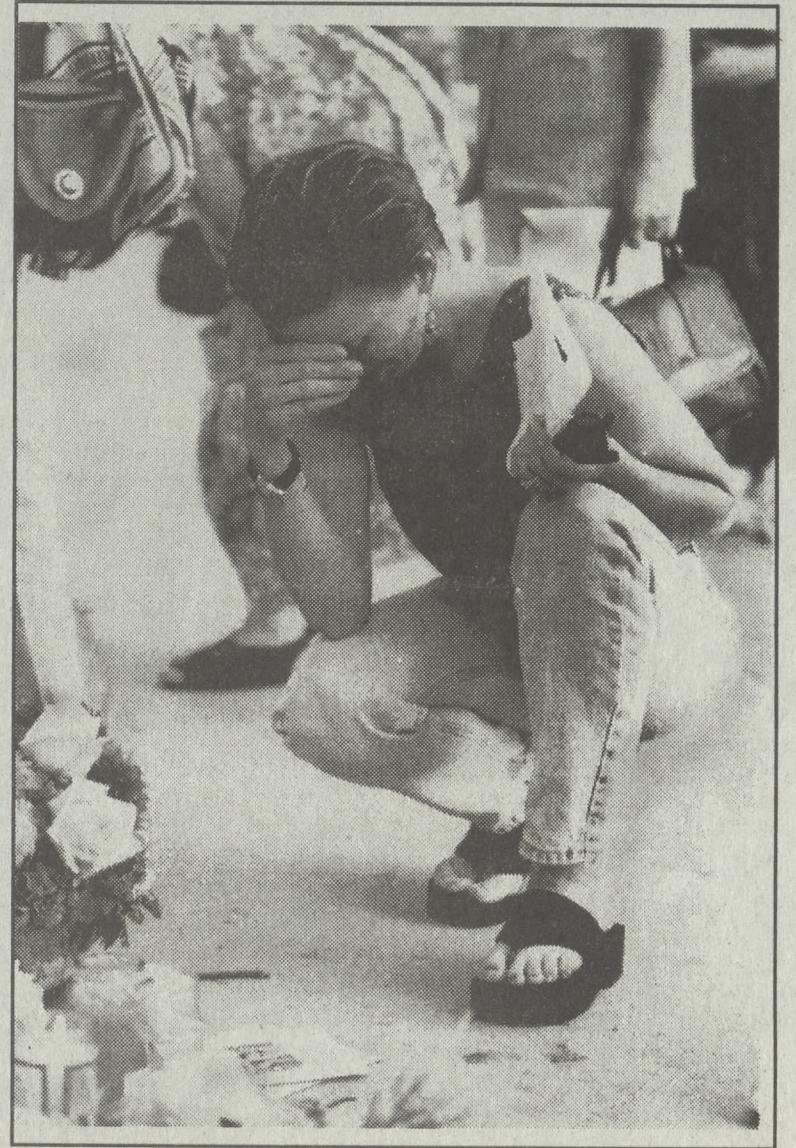
Diana was a woman of action. She built herself up to a level of greatness which benefited her and those around her. She lost her self doubt, her fears and even a part of herself in order to live a life with the purpose of benefiting mankind.

She was not perfect. She was not a saint. Would she appreciate the countless hours people have wasted talking about her? What would she say? My guess is that she would want each and everyone of us to take a step toward embracing one another.

How can we continue to be sad and mourn her death?

Princess Diana understood life. She understood that it was not about titles, but about people. She understood that life was not about taking, but about giving. Most of all she understood that life was not about saying, but about doing.

The essence of life is to acknowledge that our purpose is not about ourselves but about



PAPARAZZI KILL PRINCESS DIANA

THE END OF A FAIRY TALE

By ANGELA LUSSIER
STAR REPORTER

It is 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, Aug. 31. I am shocked, saddened and quickly brought to tears by the news report I am watching.

Princess Diana was not only a light, but an infectious light. One only has to watch the faces of those she greeted to see the uncontrollable awe she inspired.

Diana stood up against the royal family (the archetype of dysfunctional families) and the repressive status quo. By doing so, she suffered the consequences.

It never seemed to be her intent to become a hero but because of her ability to heed to her principles and be true to herself and the people of Britain, she became one of the biggest role models in the world. She reluctantly but graciously accepted the press, eventually embracing them for the benefit of the many worthy causes she represented.

Now Diana joins the likes of John Lennon, Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy and Abraham Lincoln. While we know it isn't quite true that only the good die young, it's amazing to me that the best of us often do.

While I try hard not to scapegoat any person or group, I think it's

important to be aware when we do. I think it's equally important to examine the causes of injustice. In this case it is imperative to look at the tabloid press and its photographers in order that Diana can do good in death as she did in life.

Although Diana was receptive to the press, she was constantly hounded by paparazzi. She respectfully pleaded with them to allow her and her children some amount of privacy. One would think that with the amount of money Diana generated for these foaming at the mouth "professionals," they would grant her wishes out of appreciation. They did not.

The main purpose for freedom of the press is to expose political corruption - NOT to harass people in their private lives. The argument that high profile personalities somehow must pay for their fame by giving up their privacy is ludicrous. These people have paid for their fame through talent, hard work, good deeds or some other contribution. Most of them welcome the media on their terms (yes, on their terms - as it should be). The only place for any other terms is when legitimate harm is being done to a person, the nation or the world.

Speaking as a journalist and editor, I will never purchase intrusive or voyeuristic photographs. I implore everyone who reads this to send a message to the parasitic exploiters who profit from invading people's private lives. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER buy another tabloid magazine.

What Diana did for the world during her life is done. What Diana can do for the world after her death is yet to be seen. It's up to you.

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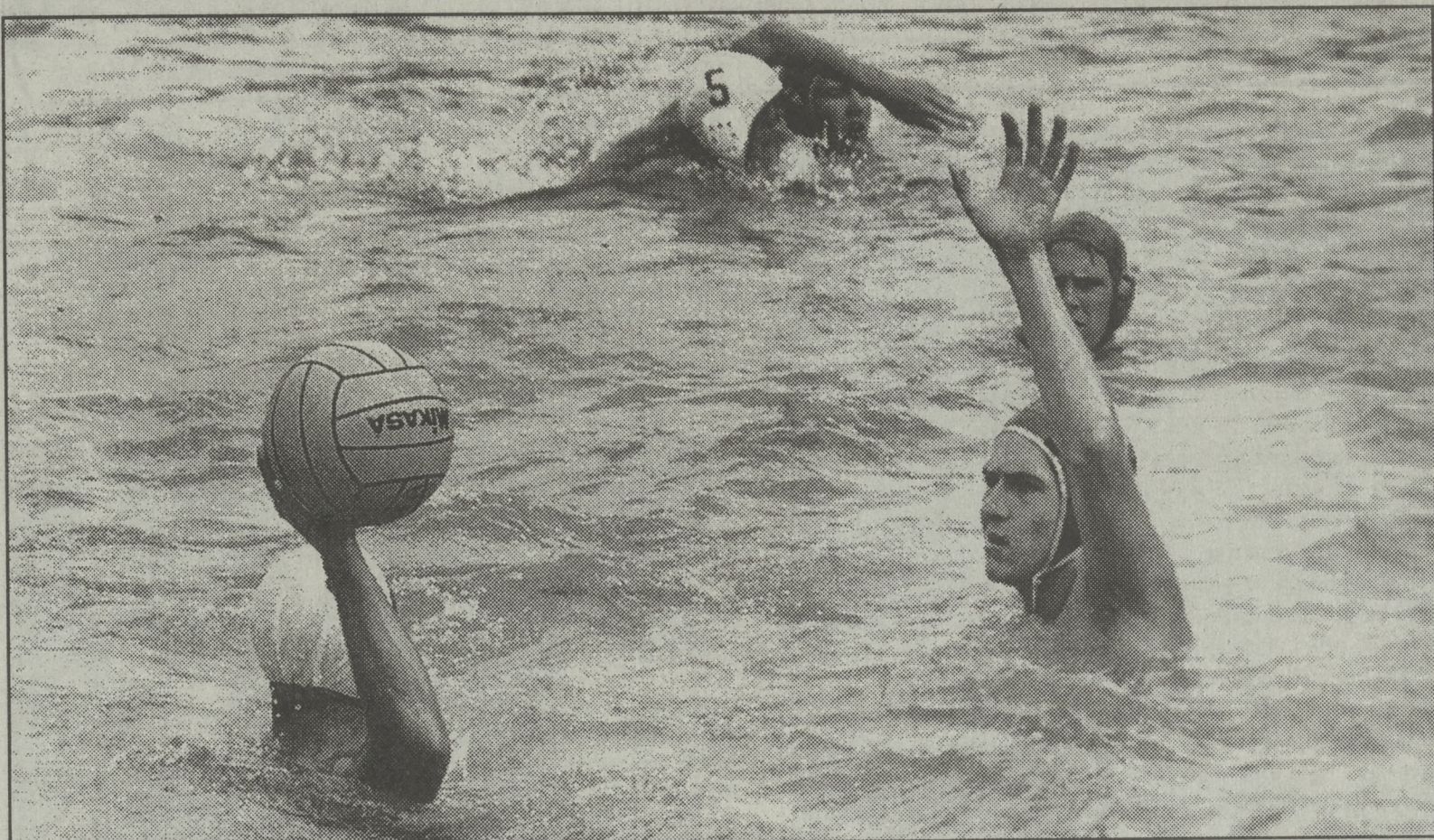
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Jon Conrad tries to swim past a Cuesta player so that he can get a pass from a teammate in trouble.

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Men's Water Polo Team Starts the Season Victorious

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

The men's water polo team lost to Cuesta 11-10 on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Valley College.

Mike Scarcelli scored seven goals, Joey Bennett added two goals and Peter Driscoll had eight saves for the host Monarchs.

"We beat ourselves," Jon Conrad, who also scored a goal, said. "We had the game in our hands, but we gave it away."

The Monarchs are now 6-4 in the season. They were 3-1 in the Ventura Tournament, 2-2 in the Mt. Sac. Tournament, and 0-1 in conference play.

The Monarchs were one of 16 teams to compete in the Ventura Tournament on Sept. 5 and Sept. 6. In the tournament, the Monarchs beat Long Beach, Cerritos and Mt. Sac

11-9, 15-7 and 7-6 respectively. They lost to Golden West by the score of 21-15.

In the Mt. Sac Tournament, the team, which ended in sixth place, beat Cypress and Santa Monica by the scores of 8-5 and 14-7, but lost to Mt. Sac. and Chaffey by the scores of 10-7 and 14-8.

The Monarchs beat El Camino 25-7 on Tuesday Sept. 16.

"We've crushed them," Coach Bill Krauss said about the team's victory over El Camino.

Coach Krauss said that the team has improved and they are playing as a team.

Krauss also said that the team needs to get in better shape to be a good contender in what he thinks is a tough league.

The team is led by Scarcelli who has scored 39 goals, and Driscoll who has 61 saves.

L.A.V.C. To Host Senior Olympics For Fifteenth Time

By BEN ALTER
STAR REPORTER

L.A.V.C. will host the Senior Gymnastic Olympics on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

The event will consist of the basic women and men's Olympic events and the rope climb. The event will have competitors from all over the country.

The ages of the competitors will range from 20 to the late 60s and early 70s. The event groups will be in 5-year intervals.

Valley has hosted the event for the last 15 years.

"The gymnastics center is a gathering place for gymnasts in the area," Gary Honjo said. "The center is part of a community service program."

There will be former world record holders at the event.

"After college, there is no competition for most gymnasts," Honjo said. "This gives them a chance to compete again."

Honjo said that the event is free and anyone can attend.

Monarchs Open Season With A Win Over Santa Barbara

By BEN ALTER
STAR REPORTER

The Monarchs came back from a 17-7 halftime deficit on Sept. 13 to defeat the Santa Barbara Community College Vaqueros, 30-17.

The Monarchs struggled in the first half of the game, both on offense and defense. The offense was only able to put seven points on the scoreboard, while the defense allowed 17.

The first half points came from a five-yard run by sophomore Antwane Smith. Smith finished the game with 46 yards rushing.

Sophomore quarterback Tom Racius sparked the offense by completing his first 14 passes of the half.

Racius finished the game completing 37 of his 52 passes for 370 yards.

The offense was also helped by freshman running back Armone Lochard, who had two touchdowns in the third quarter.

The first score was a 16 yard run with 6:06 left, and the second a one-yard dive over the goal line. Lochard ended the game with 61 yards rushing.

"I owe my two touchdowns to my offensive linemen," Lochard said.

The final touchdown of the

game came on a 29 yard reception by Kenyatta Burris in the fourth quarter. Burris had 44 yards at the close of the game.

Marcel Desir led the defense in the second half, finishing the game with five unassisted tackles, five assists and one and a half sacks. Desir also knocked down two passes.

"Everyone was feeling down in the first half," Desir said. "I had to step up and do the job, get the team back in the game."

Charles Law III had the only interception of the game for the Monarchs. Law returned the interception 15 yards.

The Monarchs closed the game when Vaqueros defensive back Ricky Joseph intercepted the ball just outside of the end zone.

The interception allowed Monarch wide receiver Leoford Hackett to tackle him for a safety.

Hackett finished the game with nine receptions for 99 yards and 64 yards on punt and kickoff returns.

This win was Head Coach Gary Barlow's first win.

"There was a lot of anxiety building up to the first game," Barlow said. "It just feels good to get it out of the way, and hopefully it will be the first in a long string of victories."



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Quarterback Tom Racius runs past the defense for the first down.

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